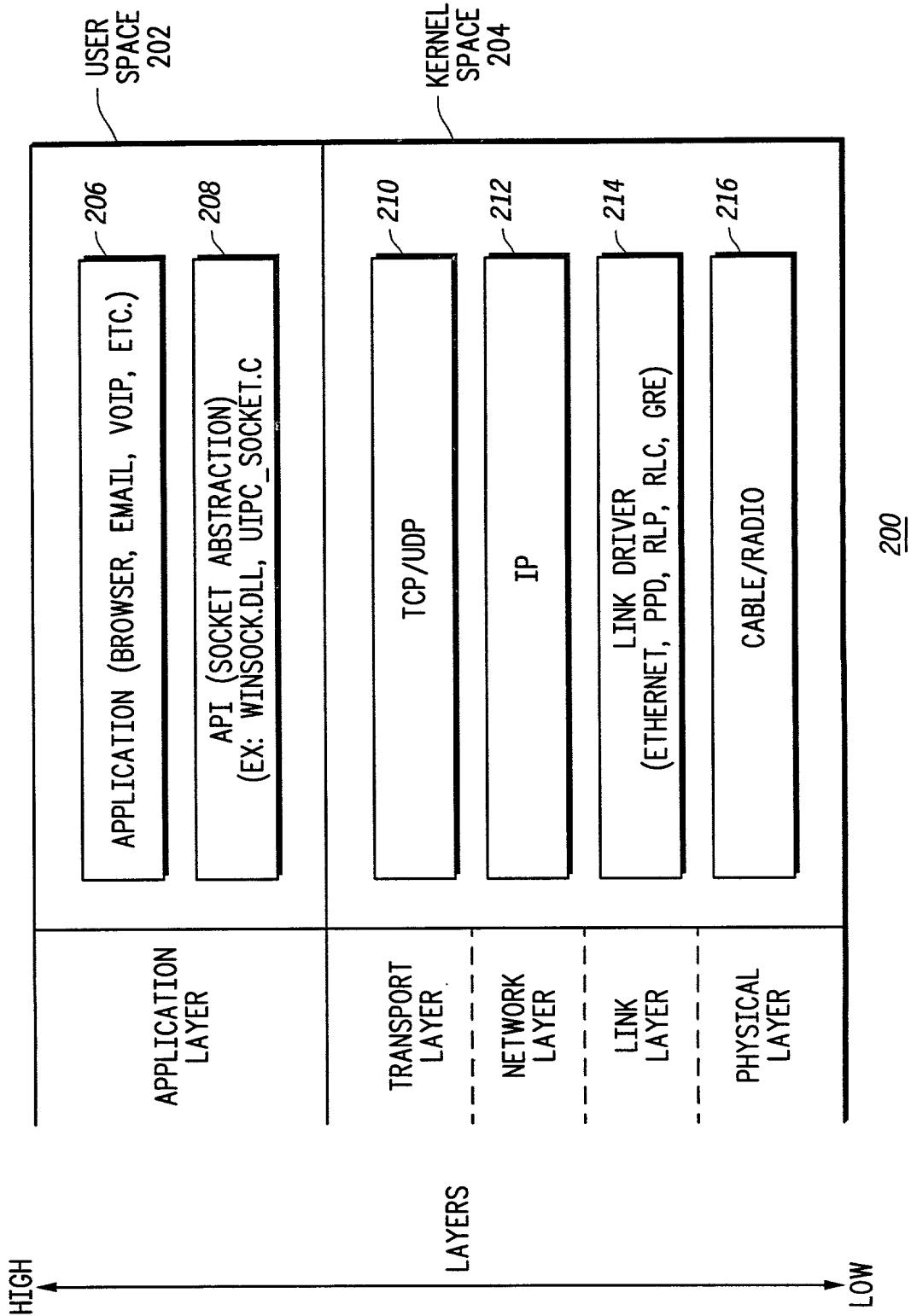
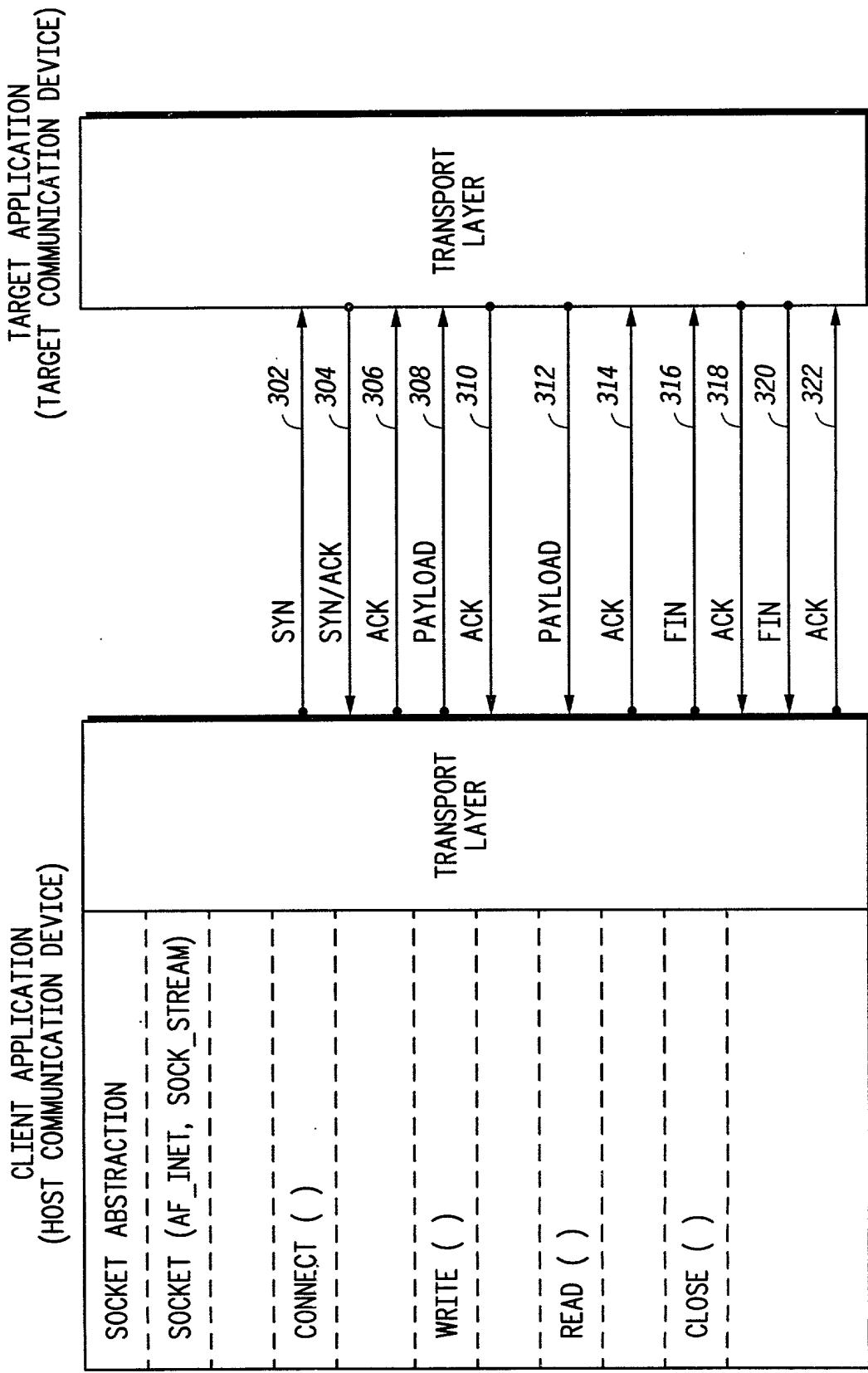
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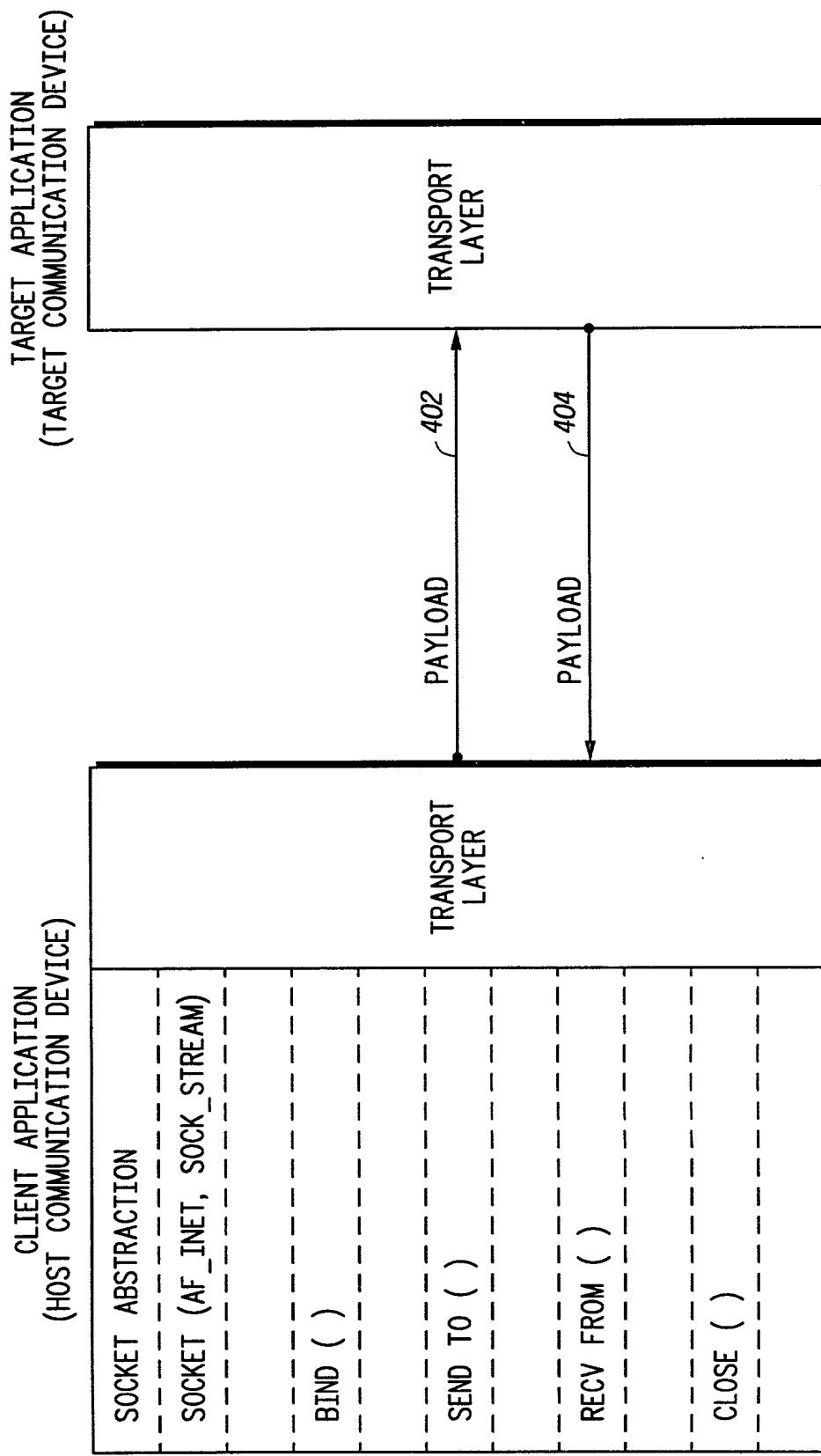
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**FIG. 2**  
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**FIG. 3**  
-PRIOR ART-



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**FIG. 4**  
-PRIOR ART-

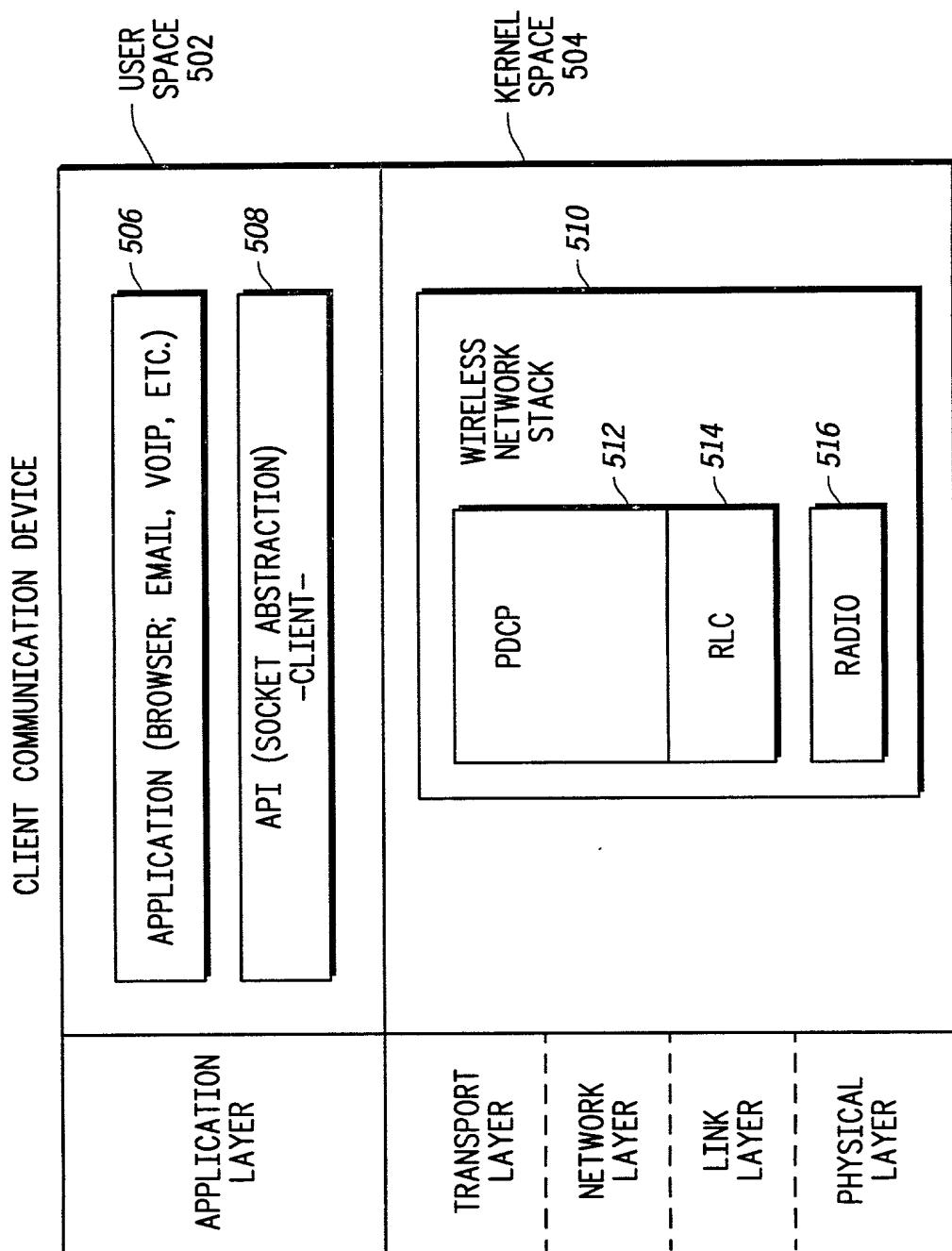


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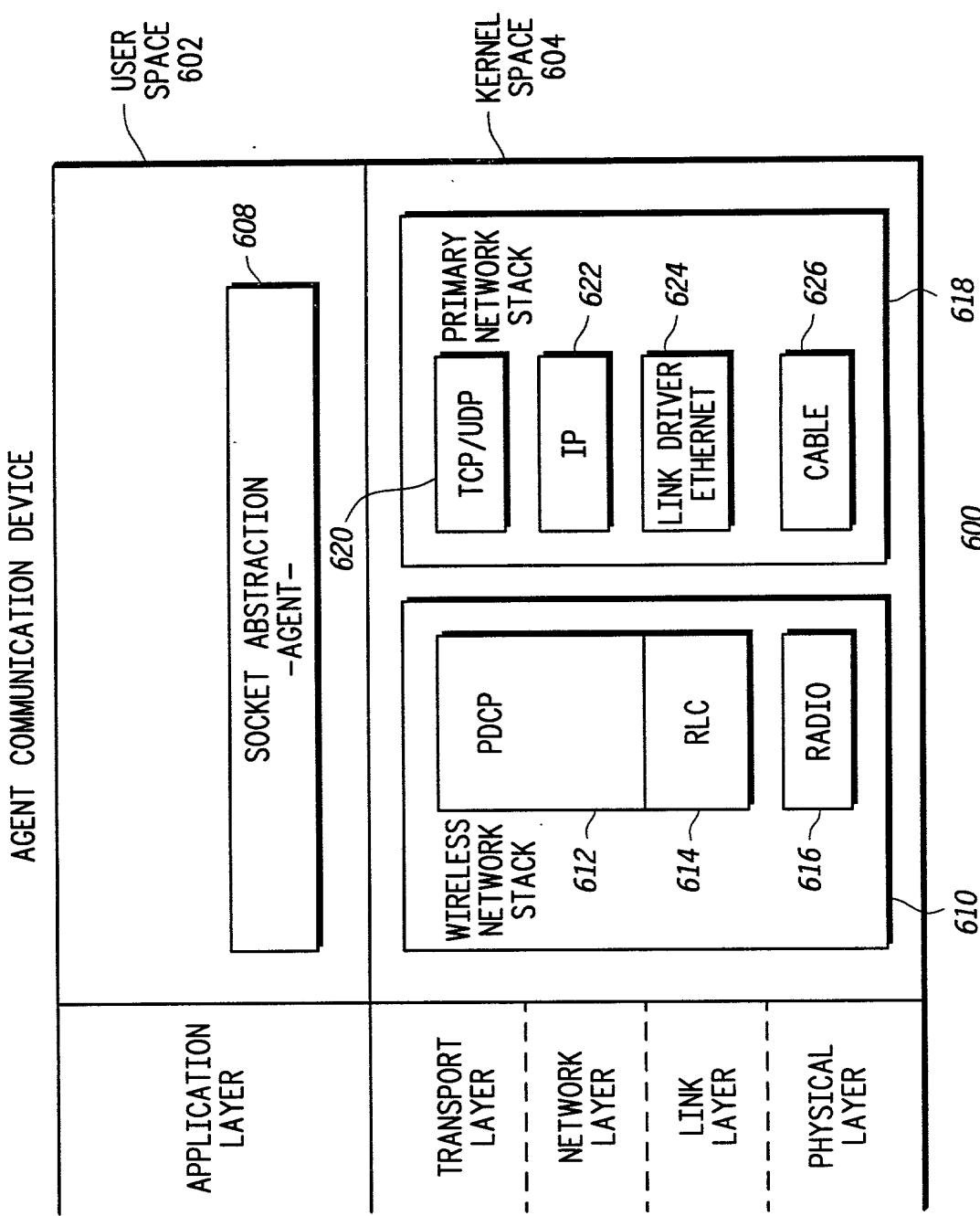
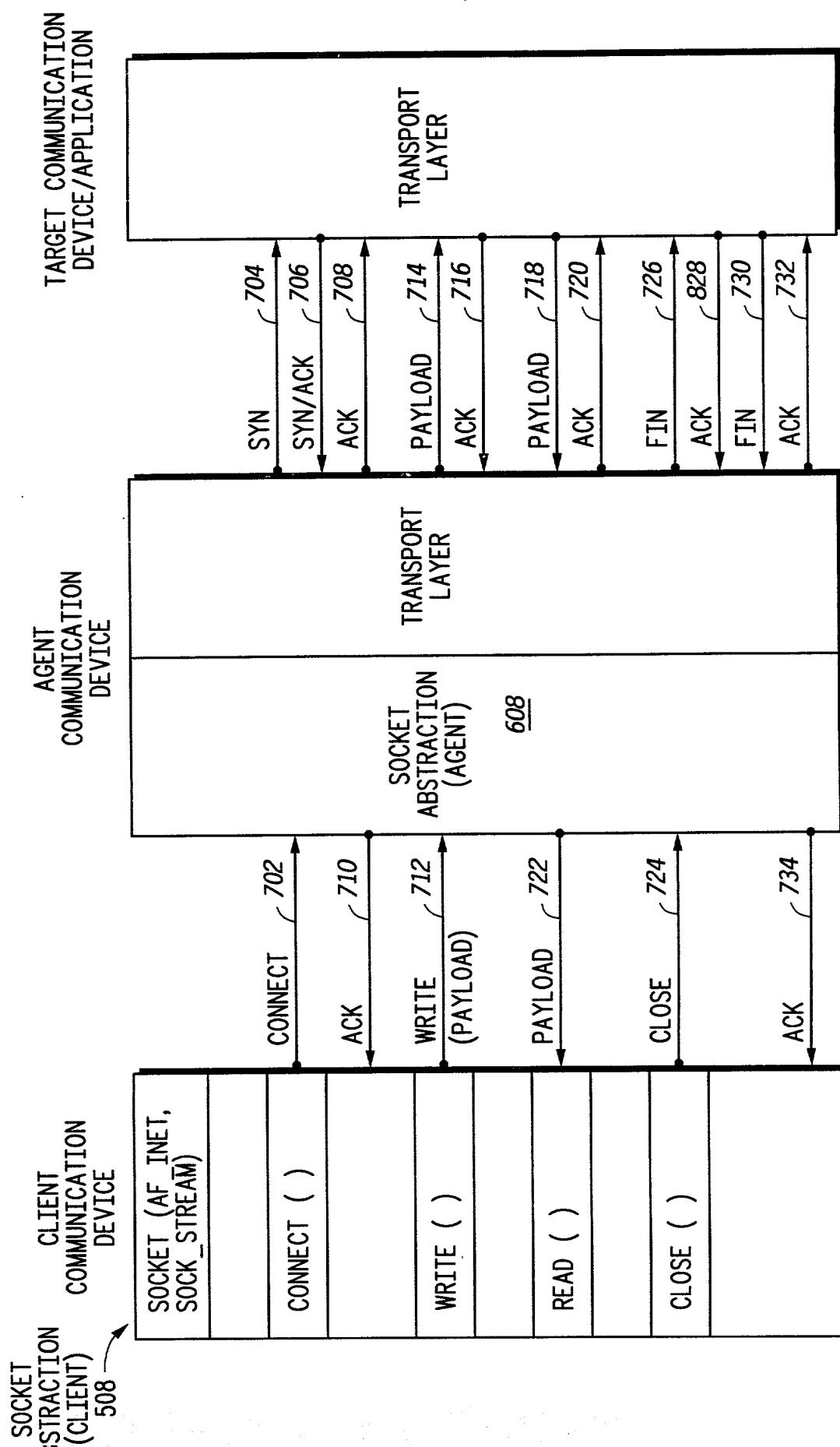


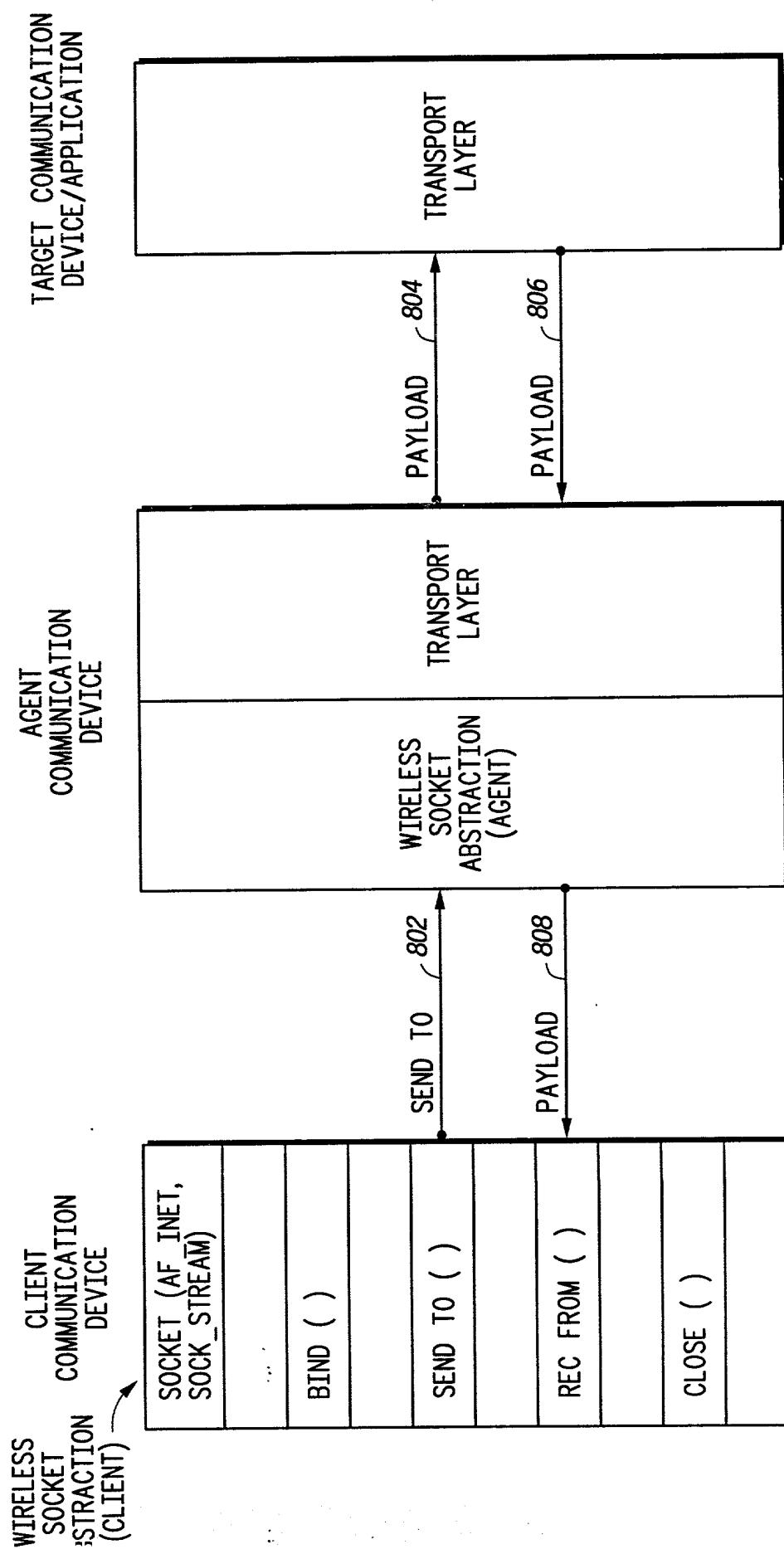
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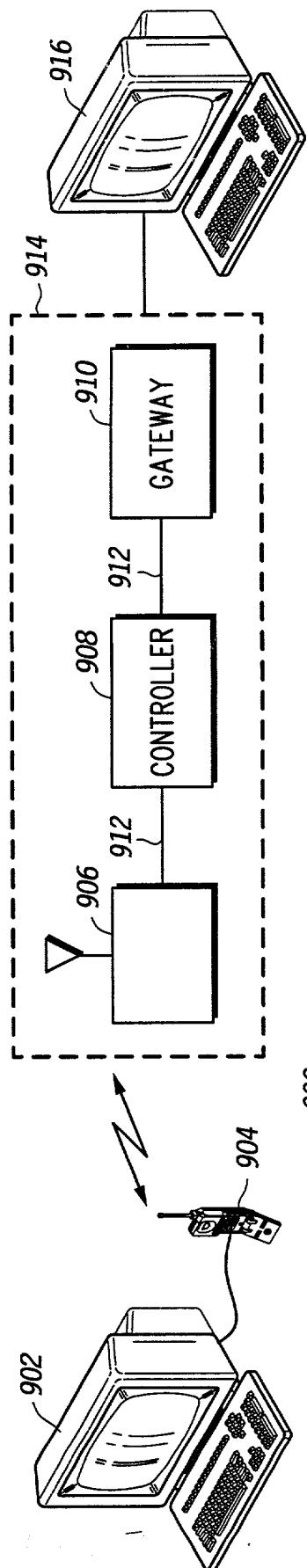


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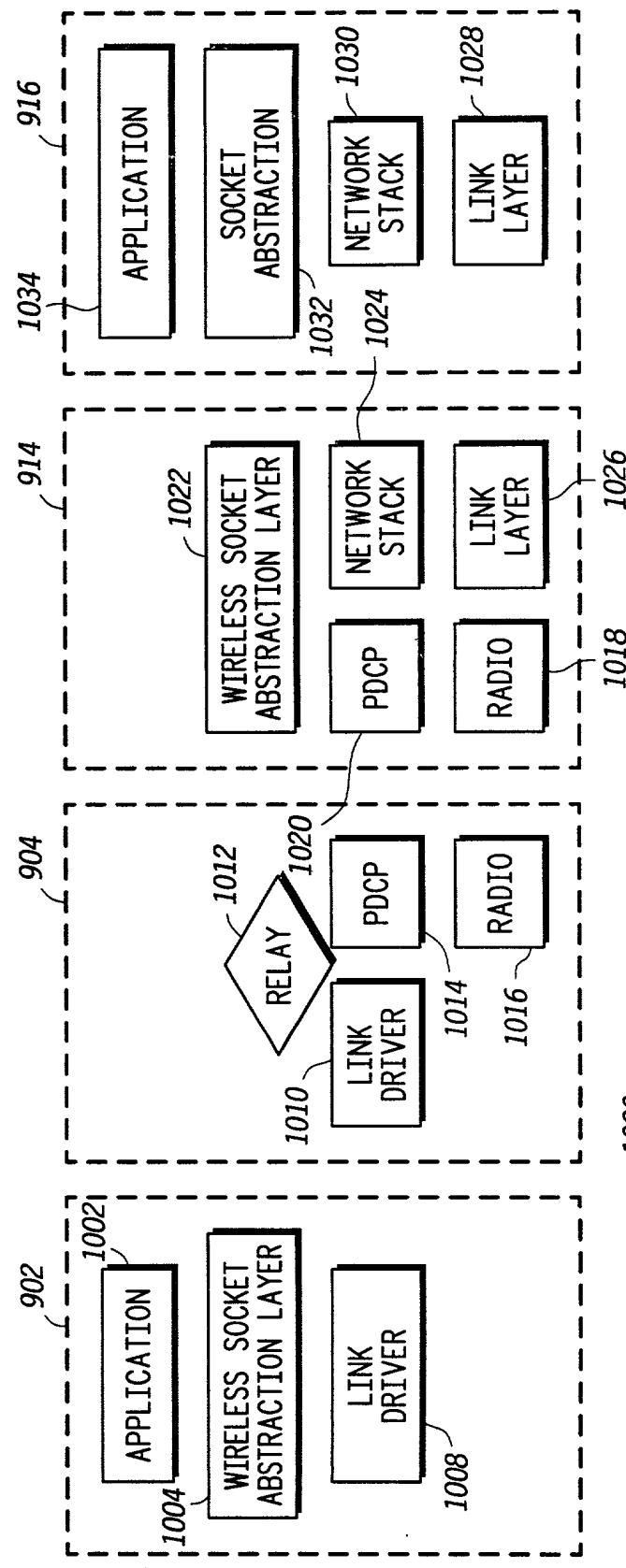
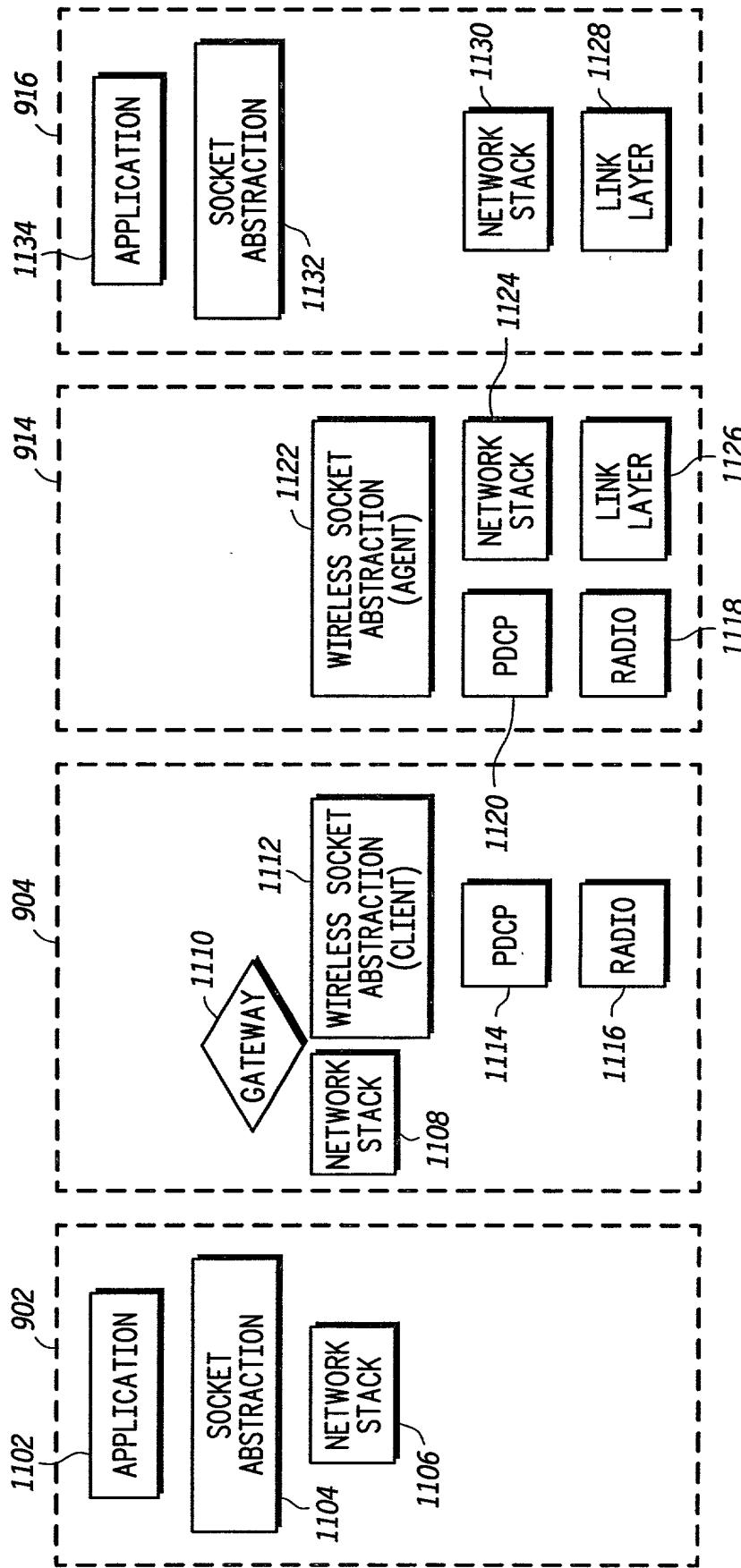
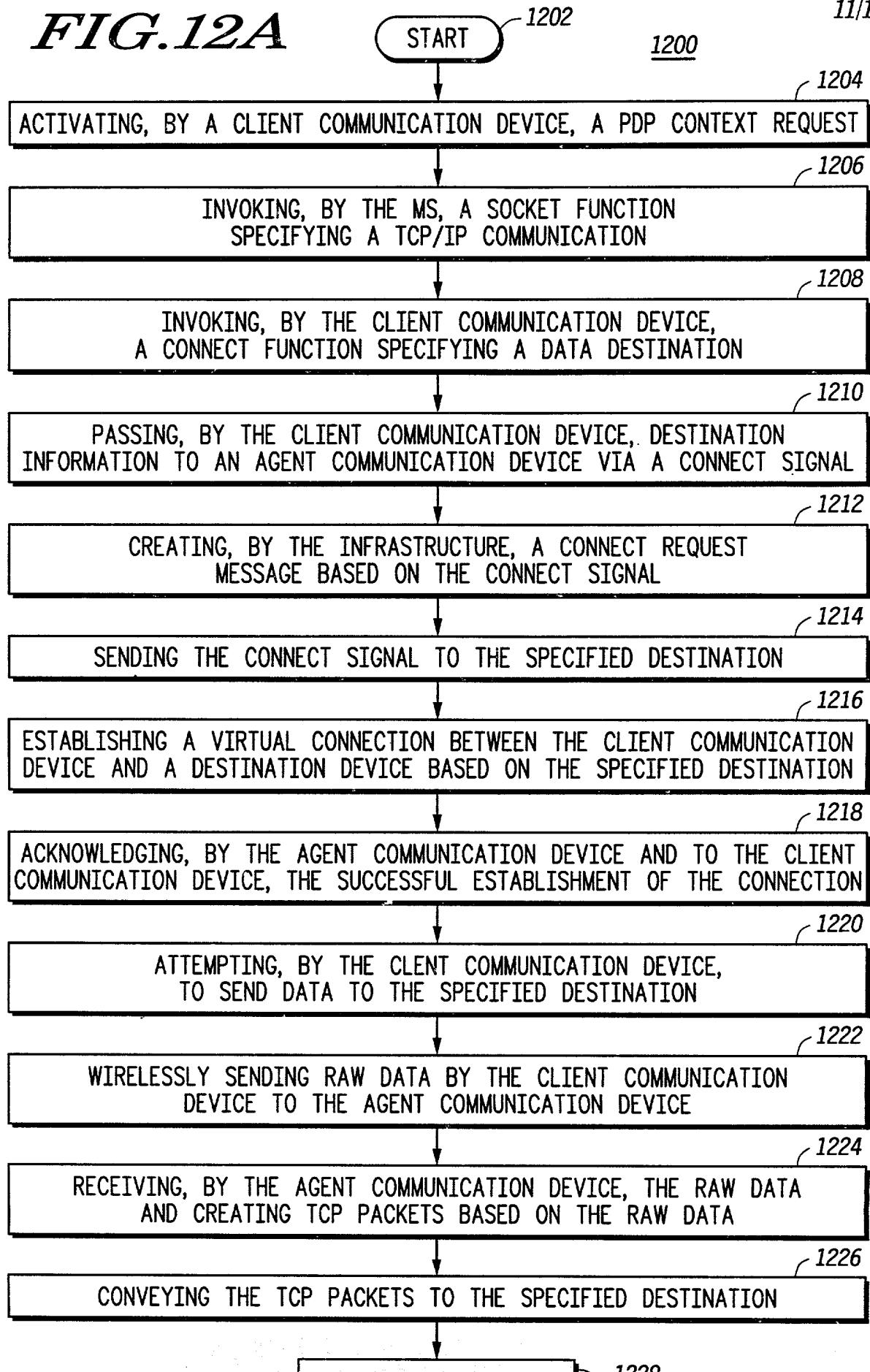


FIG. 10

*FIG.11*

*FIG. 12A*

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**FIG. 12B**

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RECEIVING, BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, TCP/IP DATA PACKETS FROM THE SPECIFIED DESTINATION, WHICH PACKETS INCLUDE A PAYLOAD

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REMOVING, BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, TCP/IP HEADERS AND/OR TRAILERS FROM THE PACKETS

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SENDING, BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, THE PAYLOAD AS RAW DATA TO THE CLIENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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CREATING, BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS FOR THE RECEIVED DATA PACKETS

1236

SENDING, BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS TO THE SPECIFIED DESTINATION

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RECEIVING, BY THE CLIENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE, THE RAW DATA FROM THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND READING THE DATA

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INVOKING A CLOSE FUNCTION BY THE CLIENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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SENDING A CLOSE MESSAGE BY THE CLIENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE TO THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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INITIATING A FOUR-WAY CLOSE HANDSHAKE BETWEEN THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE AND THE SPECIFIED DESTINATION

1246

TERMINATING THE VIRTUAL CONNECTION

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ACKNOWLEDGING THE CLOSE OF THE CONNECTION BY THE AGENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE TO THE CLIENT COMMUNICATION DEVICE

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